Page 1, line 14, change "Navy Case No. 73825" to --Serial No. 07/926,115, filed 7 August 1992--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 2-4, as follows:

- 2. (amended) A semiclosed Brayton cycle [with direct heat transfer] power system according to claim 1 further comprising:
 - an auxiliary compressor connected to be driven by said turbine, said auxiliary compressor further connected for removing and further compressing a preselected portion of said inert gas from said compressor; and
 - an accumulator connected to said auxiliary compressor for receiving said inert gas compressed by said auxiliary compressor.
- 3. (amended) A semiclosed Brayton cycle [with direct heat transfer] power system according to claim 2 further comprising:
 - said compressor being connected to said accumulator for receiving inert gas from said accumulator; and
 - a pressure reducing valve connected between said accumulator and said compressor with said accumulator being on the higher pressure side of said pressure reducing valve.